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CHARLESTON, IL--Erin Donohue is the editorial page editor of The Daily Eastern News, the student newspaper of Eastern Illinois University.

Erin, daughter of William and Dawn Donohue of 7702 Oakridge Court, Palos Heights, is a 1977 graduate of Carl Sandberg High School. She is a journalism major at EIU.

A senior, Erin said she picked journalism for her career because it is a job in which "you can wake up every morning and look forward to going to work." She said that, unlike many other jobs, journalism gives her something new and challenging to do every day.

She said her career goal is to be on the editorial staff of a popular science magazine.

Erin began her collegiate journalism career as a reporter for the city staff. She moved to assistant city editor, then editorial page editor, her current position.

As editorial page editor, Erin approves every editorial which the News prints and also decides which letters from readers will be printed.

She is also a member of the Society for Collegiate Journalists, an honorary organization for college journalism students who have shown talent and desire to achieve through their work on one of EIU's publications.

Erin is also a member of the Zoology Club.

The Daily Eastern News has won many awards, including an All-American rating from the Associated Collegiate Press every year since 1973 and was recently chosen as one of five finalists for ACP's coveted Pacemaker Award, which recognizes the best college newspaper in the country.

The Journalism Department, which sponsors the News, recently received national accreditation from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications for excellence in their curriculum and student activities. Eastern became one of only 85 schools in the nation to be accredited out of approximately 300 schools which have journalism majors.